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Letter dated 13 February 2007 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the external audit on the question of United Nations agencies' aid projects for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and clarify the views on it.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea has maintained good relations of cooperation with different United Nations agencies for several decades.

It is well known that the aid projects of United Nations agencies, including the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea have been carried out in a fair and transparent way, in conformity with United Nations regulations. Therefore, we do not mind whether the external audit is being done or not.

However, the audit was proposed at a time when the United States of America alleged the misuse of UNDP aid funds in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and we cannot but doubt that the motive and purpose of audit are strictly in line with the hostile manoeuvres of the United States against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Last January, from dirty political motives, the United States fabricated lies that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea might have used the UNDP aid funds for the development of nuclear weapons without foundation and demanded investigation of the UNDP aid activities in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

As UNDP has denied, the allegations of the United States are sheer fiction aimed at politicizing international aid to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

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We have already made clear that it is the consistent position of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to continue cooperation with United Nations agencies. But if the above-mentioned external audit is to serve the attempt by the United States to politicize international aid to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, we will not tolerate it and the consequences will be severe.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda items 53 and 58.

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